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FREEDOMLAND The flag is proudly raised in the ceremony marking the Philippines' 112th Independence Day on June 12 at Rizal Park in Manila. (More photos on Page A19.)

GMA parades triumphs

Says she leaves 'legacy of hard work, robust economy'

By TJ Burgonio

ADDRESSING THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS FOR THE last time yesterday before she steps down on June 30, President Macapagal-Arroyo sidestepped many of the contentious issues of her nine-year administration, saying she will leave behind a legacy of hard work and an economically robust and politically stable country, one with a renewed engagement with the rest of the world.

At the traditional vin d'honneur in Malacañang earlier yesterday to mark the nation's 112th Independence Day, Ms Arroyo began by recalling the exploits of the country's heroes, from the revolutionary Andres Bonifacio to the late President Corazon Aquino, and ended with the achievements of her administration.

The country has come a long way from those tumultuous years, posting 35 quarters of growth against the "headwinds of a global recession," she said.

She said her government had put the Philippines on the map of call centers and business process outsourcing, "changed the Manila skyline with modern skyscrapers; brought development to the provinces; connected the nation from north to south, east to west; and defi-

GMA PARADES/A10



ONE LAST TIME President Macapagal-Arroyo troops the line upon her arrival at the Quirino Grandstand for the Independence Day celebrations, her last as head of state.

Dead-set mom finds suspect in 2 sons' murder, not authorities

By Mike Morales

FOR YEARS AFTER HER TWO SONS were murdered in 2003, lawyer Carmencita de Castro had been receiving information on the whereabouts of the primary suspect, the son of the late Dr. Sarmiento Padillo, renowned jeweler here and abroad.

Some of the tips were accurate and some were false, she said, given by people who were merely taking advantage of her and had no qualms about demanding money in exchange for the information.

So that when her mobile phone beeped two weeks ago to announce a message from a tipster claiming a sighting of Jose Ma. "Bong" Padillo in Pattaya, Thailand, De Castro relayed it to the authorities. It had become a routine for her for the past seven years.

The tip turned out to be what the mother of the murdered Albert Gutierrez and Ariel Real had long been waiting for.

On June 8, Thai police raided a jewelry company in the coastal city of Pattaya and arrested Padillo for violating Thailand's immigration laws. He was deported to Manila early yesterday.

"I have received leads that turned

DEAD-SET/A4

Secrets locked in Alberto house about Rizal's mother

By Ambeth R. Ocampo

SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET ARE BEING disturbed in Biñan, Laguna, a year before the nation celebrates the 150th birth anniversary of the national hero Jose Rizal.

At the center of the brewing controversy is an ancient *bahay na bato* (Spanish colonial stone house) known as the Alberto House.

Obscured by the controversy over the house's sale and heritage value is the family relationship between Rizal and the Albertos of Biñan. All Rizal biographers agree that there is a blood relationship but disagree on the exact nature of the relationship.

Jose Alberto, depending on which book one is reading, is described as either the cousin, brother, half-brother or stepbrother of Rizal's mother, Teodora Alonso. What has been left out of our textbooks is the fact that Teodora Alonso was illegitimate.

Heritage advocates are opposing the house's acquisition by architect devel-

SECRETS/A6

Noy's cousins learn lessons of life in sorties

By Jonas Cabiles Soltes
Inquirer Southern Luzon

NAGA CITY—PRESIDENT-ELECT BENIGNO "Noynoy" Aquino III is not the only one whose life will never be the same again.

Also as radically changed are the lives of his cousins Dennis Aquino and Paul Victor "PV" Aquino as well as his nephew Justin Benigno "Jiggy" Aquino Cruz, all bespectacled like his late father, former Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr.

Dennis and PV are the sons of Noynoy's brother Paul Aquino; Jiggy is the son of Noynoy's eldest sister Ballsy Aquino-Cruz.

"When we learned about Noy's candidacy, it occurred to us that his relatives should act as surrogates. So we organized the third-generation Aquino family members to help in the campaign," Dennis told the Inquirer during a campaign sortie in Naga in which all three were present.

"That was how it all started," he said.

From his base in China, PV flew back to the country to help, leaving his family behind.

NOY'S COUSINS/A10



P-NINONG Henry Gapit and Laguna Rep. Erika Arago have 3 reasons to be at their happiest. Apart from being newly wed, the bride was a 2nd term, and the couple have such biggies for sponsors, led by President-elect Benigno Aquino III, Sen. Mar Roxas and Senator-elect Franklin Drilon (right). (Story on Page A22)

PDI reporter wins Asia media prize for Legacy series

By Leah Makabenta

HONG KONG—INQUIRER BUSINESS REporter Daxim Lucas won honorable mention for excellence in investigative reporting for his series on the Legacy Group banking scandal at the Society of Publishers in Asia (Sopa) 2010 Awards for Editorial Excellence here Tuesday night.

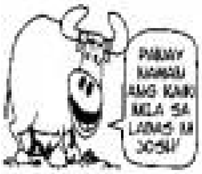
Lucas, who covers the banking and finance beat for the Inquirer's business section, was cited for the "dogged reporting [which] uncovered the real story of corruption underlying a banking scandal."

There are only two winners for each award category: The winner of the prize and the honorable mention.

Lucas' four-part series, which appeared in January 2009, was a follow-up of a story that he himself broke on the financial troubles of the Legacy group of rural banks. The series exposed the underlying scheme behind the group's acquisition spree of rural banks, which was to take advantage of the state-guaranteed insurance coverage of bank deposits.

It was a "good exclusive" with "nice research," according to members of the 20-man international board of judges headed by Rusty Todd, director of business journalism at the University of Hong Kong.

PDI REPORTER/A10



Too many Palace cooks may be out of work, spoil broth

By TJ Burgonio

PERHAPS THE PRESIDENT COULD give them glowing letters of recommendation?

Around 1,000 cooks, waiters and housekeeping staff that had served President Macapagal-Arroyo and her guests in Malacañang for the past nine years are in danger of losing their jobs under the new dispensation.

Their impending replacement has emerged as a subplot to the 4,000 vacancies in the bureaucracy that have yet to be filled by the incoming administra-

TOO MANY/A10

WEATHER FORECAST

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Binay wants to talk posts with Aquino

By Norman Bordadora and Philip Tubeza

VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT JEJOMAR BINAY wants to meet with President-elect Benigno Aquino III to discuss the position of secretary of the interior “and other important matters” facing the incoming administration.

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Where his expertise lies

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Staff will talk first

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Virtual redundancy

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“WHAT INDEPENDENCE?” [illegible]

Binay party getting popular again

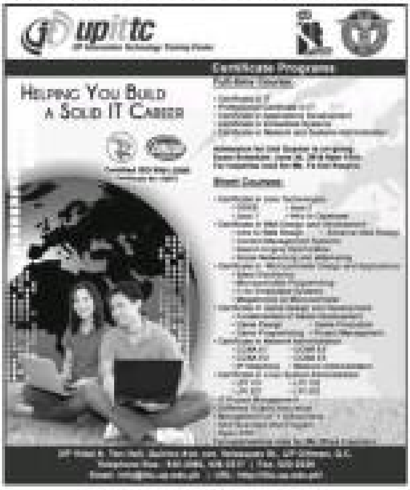
By Leila B. Salaverria

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Aquino says nothing definite on AFP chief choice



Aquino faces 2 big challenges, say 2 senators

By Michael Lim Ubac



A different take on nat'l heroes

'Bad luck' Barasoain out as Aquino inaugural venue

By Jerome Aning

Possible QC inauguration

Several exceptions

'Morong 43' member is hospitalized

The Daily Gospel





Secrets locked in Alberto house about Rizal's mother

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oper Jerry Acuzar who plans to dismantle the structure and rebuild it in the heritage village called the Ciudad Rizal de Acuzar that he has built in a 50-hectare seaside property in Bagac, Bataan.

Acuzar, who has transplanted several other historically significant houses to his heritage village, has caused controversy before over the implications in terms of heritage preservation of taking a structure out of the cultural or historical fabric of its original location.

The Alberto house is the last of the grand houses of Biñan, one that has historical significance because Rizal lived there from 1870 to 1871 when he was a student in the all-boys private school run by Justiniano Aquino Cruz.

In a letter to his friend Ferdinand Blumentritt, Rizal said that Lorenzo Alberto Alonso, was a deputy for the Philippines to the [Spanish] Cortes, and that his uncle, Jose Alberto, was educated in Europe and spoke German, English, Spanish and French. Alberto was also a Knight of the Order of Isabel la Catolica.

However, according to the late Leon Ma. Guerrero, the author of the landmark Rizal biography, "The First Filipino," in 1961, his research in Spain did not yield any deputy in the Cortes with the name Lorenzo Alberto or Jose Alberto Alonso.

John Bowring, the British Governor of Hong Kong, in his "A Visit to the Philippine Islands" in 1859, wrote of having visited Biñan where he met a Jose Alberto who spoke English and was educated in Calcutta.

Genealogical data

If the primary sources are confusing, genealogical research reveals that Rizal's grandfather, the 29-year-old Lorenzo Alberto Alonso married a 12-year-old Brigida named Pedro Florentino in 1814. Then there is a gap of some years, and then we learn that the same Lorenzo Alberto Alonso is in Biñan living with (or married to?) Brigida Quintos. This Alberto-Quintos union resulted in five children, one of whom was Teodora Alonso Quintos Realonda.

Lorenzo and Brigida later moved to Calamba where their daughter, Teodora, married Francisco Mercado. The Mercados had 11 children, the seventh being Jose Rizal.

Was the famous Jose Alberto of Biñan then a half-brother of Teodora Alonso? And based on the above, Rizal was related to the poet Leona Florentino and the writer and labor leader Isabelo de los Reyes of Ilocos.

A short history of the Alberto house includes material from Jacobo Naranjo Cruz, a cousin of Teodora Alonso, whose eldest nephew Daniel Cruz married Maria Rizal, the hero's elder sister.

Hero's mother grew up here

The following is from the narration of Jacobo Cruz:

"Don Lorenzo Alberto y Alonso lived in a big stone house fronting the plaza of Biñan, Laguna. He had a son Jose Alberto, who often traveled to Spain as a member of the Spanish Cortes, and a daughter Teodora Alberto y Alonso. She was a half-sister of Jose, and Brigida would euphemistically refer to it as *anak sa labas* (illegitimate child). The Spanish term is the derogatory *hija bastarda* (bastard daughter). Rizal's mother dropped the Alberto name and became simply Teodora Alonso.

"Teodora grew up in the house. While Jose was away on a trip, his wife, Teodora Formoso, had a liaison with another man. Don Lorenzo locked her up in a room while Teodora Alonso gave her sustenance. Teodora Formoso was somehow able to smuggle out a letter to the authorities. Don Lorenzo was imprisoned, and Teodora Alonso was forced to walk from Biñan to Calamba, the start of the persecution of her family.

Don Lorenzo had earlier married Teodora Alonso off to Francisco Mercado, a rich merchant of Chinese origin and a descendant of Domingo Lam Co. The newlyweds were sent off to Calamba to start a new life. The house in Calamba, now a national shrine, is a smaller replica of the house in Biñan, but it was the first stone house in the town."

Imprisoned twice

When Jose Rizal was sent to Biñan for his first studies under Maestro Justiniano Cruz, he lived in the house of his grandfather, not with relatives, as the history books tell us.

Rizal's mother was imprisoned twice, once in the 1870s when Rizal was a student at the Ateneo when she was accused of trying to poison Jose Alberto's wife.

The second time was in the 1880s when she was briefly imprisoned for using the wrong surname.

It does not matter now whether Teodora Alonso was illegitimate or not. This will not change history nor alter the fact that she gave birth to our national hero, but the battle for the preservation of the Alberto House underscores the sad truth that 150 years since he was born, there is much we have to research and learn about Rizal.

(The author, chair of the National Historical Commission as well as a columnist of the Inquirer, is one of the foremost scholars on Rizal.)





LAST OF BIÑAN'S GRAND HOUSES The Alberto Mansion of Biñan, Laguna, the 200-year-old ancestral home of Teodora Alonso (right photo), mother of Jose Rizal. To the dismay of conservationists, the house has been sold to a resort developer specializing in the relocation and rebuilding of antique houses.

Dead-set mom finds ...

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ON THE RUN for seven years, Jose Ma. "Bong" Padilla is brought home following his arrest last week in Thailand.



MOTHER'S MANHUNT Lawyer Carmencita de Castro (left) chats with her siblings after arriving yesterday on the same plane as with the suspected killer of her two sons.

"I was happy that Padilla has been arrested. Justice has finally come to me," De Castro said.

Happiness

P5-M bounty

'God sent me here'

Camp Crame

'There he is'



Noy's cousins learn lessons of life in sorties

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> Before he embarks us on any journey, Aquino must tell us that it will be rough. And he must explain the wherefore of that journey, and the whys it will be rough

Latin America's integration muddle

World View

Augusto Tunez



TALK of the TOWN

FINAL TALLY FOR PRESIDENT

Where Noynoy got his 15.2M votes

How the country voted



How Metro Manila voted



Where Aquino got a majority vote (in percent)

Top 10 areas for Aquino by number of votes

Across the NATION

Noy's name dropped by jai-alai men

LUCENA CITY—WORKERS OF THE STATE-RUN small town lottery (STL) in Quezon called on incoming President Benigno Aquino III and the Philippine National Police to stop the entry of online jai-alai in the province.

Dads ask NGCP to spare city folk from more fees on power



STRENGTH

Mining critics question board approval of nickel project

Communists say Oplan Bantay Laya is a failure

In Cebu, Gloria wants people to remember her P1.6B tunnel



GOVERNMENT employees pose for souvenir pictures at the newly inaugurated Cebu South Coastal Road Tunnel Project.

INQUIRER Mindanao

Heroes emerge from special elections

Policemen supervise vote, reject bribes from bets

By [illegible]
Marawi City

MOST OF THEM WERE candid enough to admit they had wanted to avoid election duty on May 10 so they attended a training program for police leadership in Cagayan de Oro City. But on June 3, police officers from Northern Mindanao found themselves being fielded to Lanao del Sur.

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Warding off bribe try

[illegible]

Refusing even a 'snack'

[illegible]

Diplomacy lessons

[illegible]



POLICEMEN turn into election workers during special elections in eight municipalities in Lanao del Sur on June 3, performing tasks too dangerous for teachers in a setting where violence has become the norm every election season.



WHILE policemen man election precincts as poll workers, soldiers patrol Lake Lanao during special elections in eight municipalities in Lanao del Sur, where elections on [illegible] were postponed amid violence.

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Sacrifices

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Forced by circumstances

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FLAG-WAVING GIRL gets a better view of the parade on the shoulders of her father.





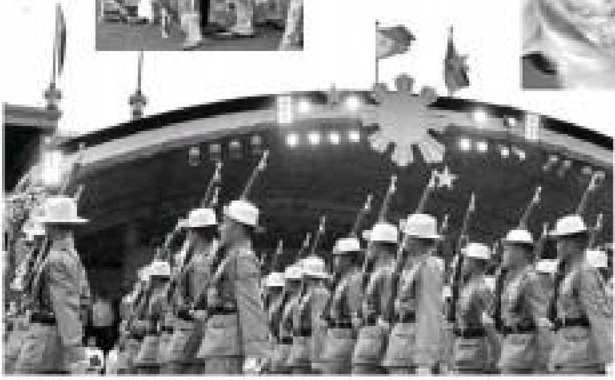
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PERFORMERS



DANCERS



HISTORIC UNIFORM: Soldiers garbed in republic uniforms march in front of the Quirino Grandstand in a military farewell to their commander in chief, President Macapagal-Arroyo.



WHO DOESN'T LOVE A PARADE?



MORE PERFORMERS



CLAD IN TRIBAL COSTUMES

GMA parades triumphs

GLOBAL Pinoy

Second coursers

Philip Segundo took up nursing as a second course in order to quickly get a job abroad. But he has since learned to love and respect the profession



NO REGRETS.

Two and a half years

Skype interview

Downside of boyish looks

Filipino war veterans: Forced to sue the country they defended



The plaintiffs

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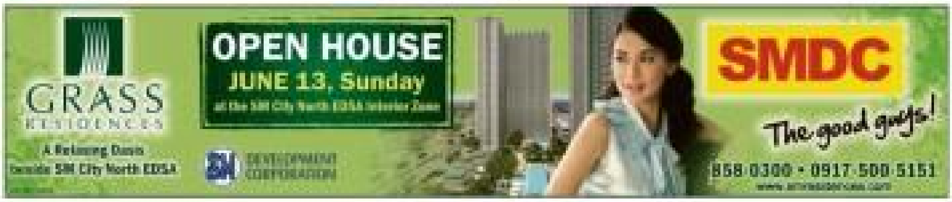
Noynoy finds time for a wedding



Full payment to Smartmatic hinges on report

PDEA chief would rather keep his job

A plus METRO



UST LOOKS BACK

Rare finds at library exhibit

By Tina G. Santos

A RICH AND COLORFUL EXHIBIT that showcases the heritage and priceless treasures of Asia's oldest existing university, part of its quadricentennial celebration highlights next year, will be open to the public on June 17.

Called "Lumina Pandit," a Latin phrase that means "spreading the light," the exhibit traces the history of the university through rare books, important historical documents and other memorabilia from the vast collection of the University of Santo Tomas' (UST) Miguel de Benavides Library.

Continuing saga

"The UST spreads the light of knowledge and wisdom," Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., UST's prefect of libraries, said, referring to the exhibit's title.

According to [illegible], the project curator, Lumina Pandit emphasizes the role of UST and its library "in the continuing saga of nation-building."

"The exhibit makes the claim that the institution, the library, was an active participant in the creation of what we now know to be the Philippines," [illegible] said during a press briefing earlier.

Personal collection

The university library started with the personal collection of books of Miguel de Benavides—UST founder and the third Archbishop of Manila from whom the library takes its name—which he donated 400 years ago for the foundation of a seminary-college that later became the UST.

"The very idea that a nation was nurtured by an institution that is 400 years old—we don't think that it's too grand a claim. It's a claim that can be substantiated by the exhibition," she added.

Dream project

[illegible] admitted that in many ways, her latest assignment was "a curator's dream project."

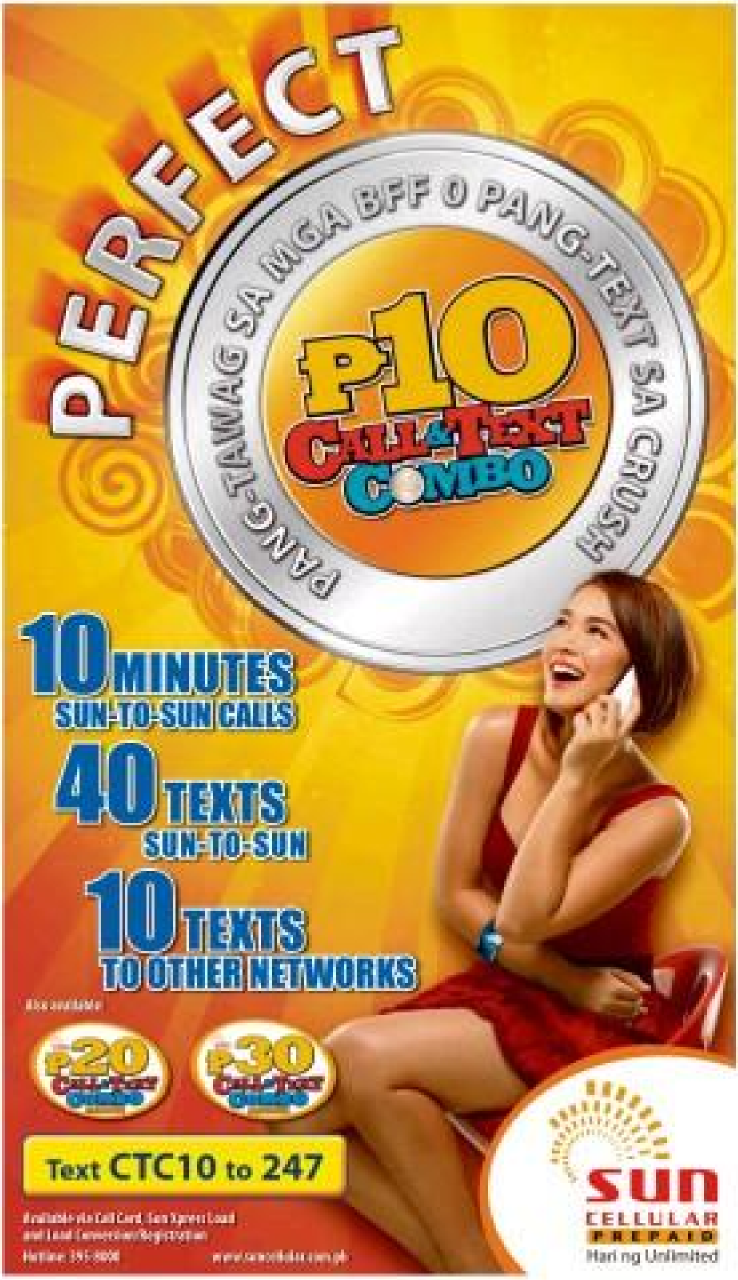
Lumina Pandit, according to her, gathers together a unique collection of rare books, including the first edition of astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus' "De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium (On the Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres)," which contains his famous heliocentric theory, published in 1543; and the "Biblia Sacra," the version of the Bible translated into four languages.

The multi-million exhibit is divided into six parts, each of which highlights important themes and ideas that shaped the Philippines.

Authentic copies

"Threshold 400," the first step in the exhibit, narrates the arrival of the Dominican fathers in the Philippines. It will also display rare books and authentic copies of the Act of Foundation of the University, the royal decree given to UST, and the papal bulls declaring the institution a university.

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Kites join flags flying over Pasig at I-Day rites



Rare finds at library exhibit



Printing press replica

Early voyages

Rare books

Tri-lingual display

Perspective

Parallel progress

Innovative

New oil numbers mean more harm to fish, wildlife



A DEAD crab sits on oil from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on a beach in Grand Terre Island, Louisiana, on June 9.

AP

China syphilis infections up 30 percent each year, says report

AFP

'What were you thinking?': Parents of adrift teen sailor hit



IN THIS Jan. 23 photo, Abby Sunderland, 16, looks out from her sailboat, Wild Eyes, as she leaves for her world-record-attempting journey.

AP

Disease threatens Japan's beef trade

NYT

Ethnic clashes rage on in Kyrgyzstan; 49 dead

AP

Afghan women swap burqas for cop uniforms



FEMALE members of the Afghan National Police aim their pistols during a training session in Kandahar.

AFP

The WORLD



POPE Benedict XVI celebrates a Mass marking the end of the Year for Priests in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on June 11.

Pope begs forgiveness for priest abuse scandal

VATICAN CITY—ADDRESSING THE SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS from the seat of the Roman Catholic Church before thousands of white-robed priests, Pope Benedict XVI on Friday begged forgiveness, saying the Church would do "everything possible" to prevent priests from abusing children.

"We, too, insistently beg forgiveness from God and from the persons involved, while promising to do everything possible to ensure that such abuse will never occur again," Benedict told thousands of priests and the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square for celebrations marking the end of the Vatican's Year of the Priest.



A year after polls, Iran's decisions have hardened

WHAT'S INSIDE
■ Tamaraws, Stags slug it out for FilOil crown /A30

Sunday SPORTS

■ French sing 'Les Bleus' /A32

Kings try to keep slim semis hopes alive



Santos shines as Pampanga stops Manila

By Marc Anthony Reyes



GAME WINNER.

Bersamina, San Diego salvage RP chess pride

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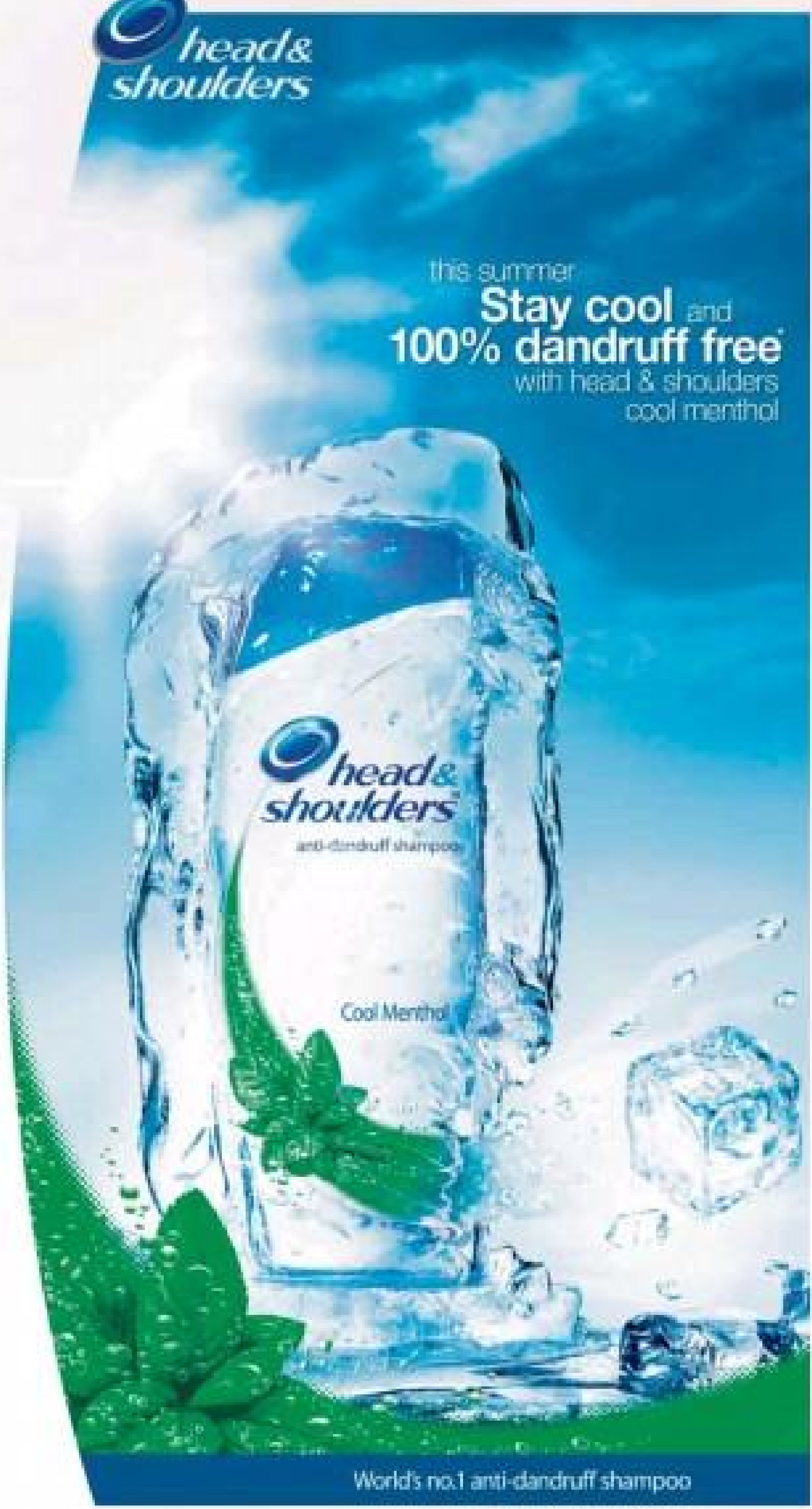
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Tamaraws, Stags slug it out for FilOil crown



Hot Yee leads La Salle's Samsung golf sweep

Lagman makes it this time

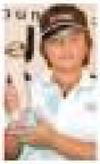


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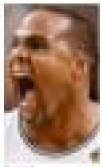
Ex-champs in scoreless draw; hosts let victory slip away





FRANCE'S best chance came on a free kick by midfielder Yoann Gourcuff

'Big Baby' still needs to grow up, says Rivers



DAVIS

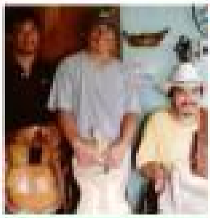
PBC int'l tourney: Miranda moves to second place



Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

Sunday Biz





Baguio's last saddle makers

By Donna Demetillo
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—NOSTALGIC RESIDENTS of Baguio reminisce about a bygone era, when cowboys galloped through the streets, ... on horseback, ... the city's iconic pony boys and Ibaloi cowboys.

They are remnants of a time when horses were part of the daily routine, free to roam around the city much of which were available only for grazing.

These cowboys may also be the very last artisans who serve the only saddle-making industry in this part of the country.

Roger Calub, and brothers Butch and Joseph McInnis are the only saddle makers in Baguio today.

As young cowboys, they spent their days in Wright Park here in the company of other cowboys and about 70 horses.

Back then, horseback riding was banned by Mayor Luis Lardizabal.

"There were about 70 horses. We had a lookout, and each time Lardizabal's people would inspect Wright Park, all 70 horses and their riders would gallop to the mountains," says Butch McInnis, 46, who started riding horses when he was 5 years old.

Horseback riding was finally legalized in the early 1970s. Soon after, the number of horses in Wright Park grew to 200.

Butch says the saddle-making trade was developed to address an unforeseen need among Ibaloi cowboys.

"The Ilocos region used to supply the saddles. In the late 1960s, [a local resident named] Mike McInnis started saddle making out of necessity [because cowboys had to deal with worn out saddles]. He took apart a US Cavalry saddle made in Ilocos, and then put it back together. That's how he learned," he says.

"At first he would just repair the saddles. And then he started making the saddles himself," he says.

The Baguio-made saddles were sold at P1,200 to P1,500 each, making them far more valuable than the Ilocos saddles, which were sold at P250 to P500 each.

These days, saddles are shaped and cut using a wooden mold. The saddles are then wrapped in leather.

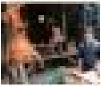
But the saddles used to be wrapped in "tikang" leather, which is produced by soaking raw hide for a month in a mixture of water, and bark and branches of the Kamatchile tree (Pithecellobium dulce)," Butch says.

He describes "tikang" leather as "bull-

BAGUIO'S B2

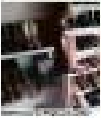






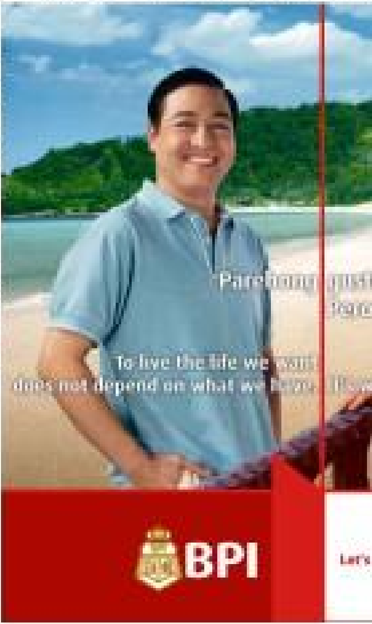
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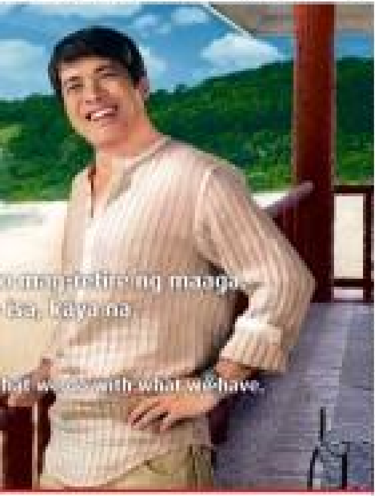




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'This is only the beginning'—Hans Sy

FRESH IN FROM TENNESSEE that morning, former US Vice President and Nobel Prize Laureate Al Gore didn't betray any sign of jet lag as he gave a riveting talk on climate change at the SMX Convention Center of the SM Mall of Asia Complex.

His talk, his Filipino audience would find out, was notable not only for its message but also for its clarity—a complex subject distilled into a simple yet informative account.

Who's Who

Hosted by SM Prime Holdings, the country's leading shopping mall developer, the event gathered the Who's Who in government, politics, diplomatic community, business and industry, the arts and culture, media and, of course, environment advocates. They listened to the updated "An Inconvenient Truth," the provocative multimedia presentation on the threat of climate change and solutions to global warming.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo led the attendees, along with government officials like Senators Loren Legarda and Miguel Zubiri, and Energy Secretary Jose Ibazeta. Former First Lady Ming Ramos was also there, and so were [illegible] Mayor Edgardo [illegible], Mandaluyong Mayor Benhur Abalos and Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga.

US Ambassador Harry Thomas Jr., British Ambassador Stephen Lillie, Belgian Ambassador Christian Meerschman and Ambassador Rod Smith were among the diplomats present.

Other guests included First Gen president [illegible] Lopez, Unilever Philippines chairman and CEO Fernando T. Fernandez, Meralco president and CEO Jose P. de Jesus, World Bank country director Bert Hofman, [illegible] Dr. [illegible], Pepsi Cola Philippines director Dr. [illegible] and [illegible] director [illegible].

Environmental advocates lawyer Antonio G. Oposa Jr., chairman of the Global Legal Action on Climate Change, Commission of Climate Change Secretary Heherson Alvarez and National Geographic SVP Marketing and General Manager for the Philippines and Mr. [illegible] were also present.

SM officials led by SM Prime Holdings president Hans T. Sy, SM Investments Corporation vice chairman Henry Sy Jr., SM Prime Holdings senior vice president for marketing Elizabeth Sy and Felicidad Sy welcomed them.

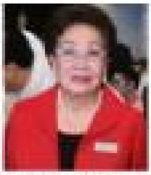
The event's environment theme was carried through the invitations, which were made from recycled materials. The cocktail menu prepared by [illegible] was inspired by sustainability.

It included Seared Yellow Fin Tuna with wasabi mayonnaise of Japanese cucumber sourced from the fishermen of Mindoro using traditional hand-line fishing; [illegible] with [illegible] in the province of [illegible]; Blue Cheese [illegible] with caramelized onion and candied walnuts with [illegible]; shredded Pork Adobo Puff sourced from a local piggery farm in Rizal; and Strawberry Tartlets, Calamansi [illegible] Lollipop, Tea Lattes, and Belgian Chocolate Bites made from organically grown ingredients.


FORMER US Vice President and Nobel Laureate Al Gore receives a plaque of appreciation from SM Prime Holdings President Hans T. Sy

Environmental impact

"First The Inconvenient Truth: Al Gore Live in Manila" was part of SM Prime Holdings' commitment to do its share for the environment.


FORMER First Lady Ming Ramos

Long before it was considered environmentally correct to go green, SM Prime Holdings and the SM Supermalls began numerous programs and projects, which SM Prime president Hans T. Sy says were "aimed at ensuring that our malls will have an impact on two of our most important fronts—the environment and the public."

In 1997, SM began to create management programs with sewage treatment plants. It also launched solid waste management initiatives, teaching its maintenance staff, mall tenants and janitors to segregate their trash, significantly reducing the trash in the mall's garbage depots.

In 1999, it launched Energy Efficiency Programs and today has a Power Enterprise Building Management System, which uses sensors electronic climate control to manage the malls' fluctuating energy demands during the day.

Using this new system, has allowed SM to save up to 5000 kilowatt hours a day. As new malls were built, green design initiatives were incorporated into their structure.

Holistic approach

Today, SM Supermalls has a holistic, four-point approach to sustainability tackling energy, air, water, and solid waste.

The Environmental Committee has also launched programs to create more awareness among its employees, tenants and customers. These include Trash to Cash, a monthly recycling market fair, the Green Bag movement, the Green Retail Agenda, which creates awareness about environmentally friendly architecture, and the Green Film Festival, which screens movies focused on the environment.

"Challenges will be ever present," says Hans T. Sy, "but we assure our valued customers, business partners, and shareholders and our communities that we will face these with commitment, determination, and focus."

And as he mentioned in the private dinner that followed the talk, "This is only the beginning."

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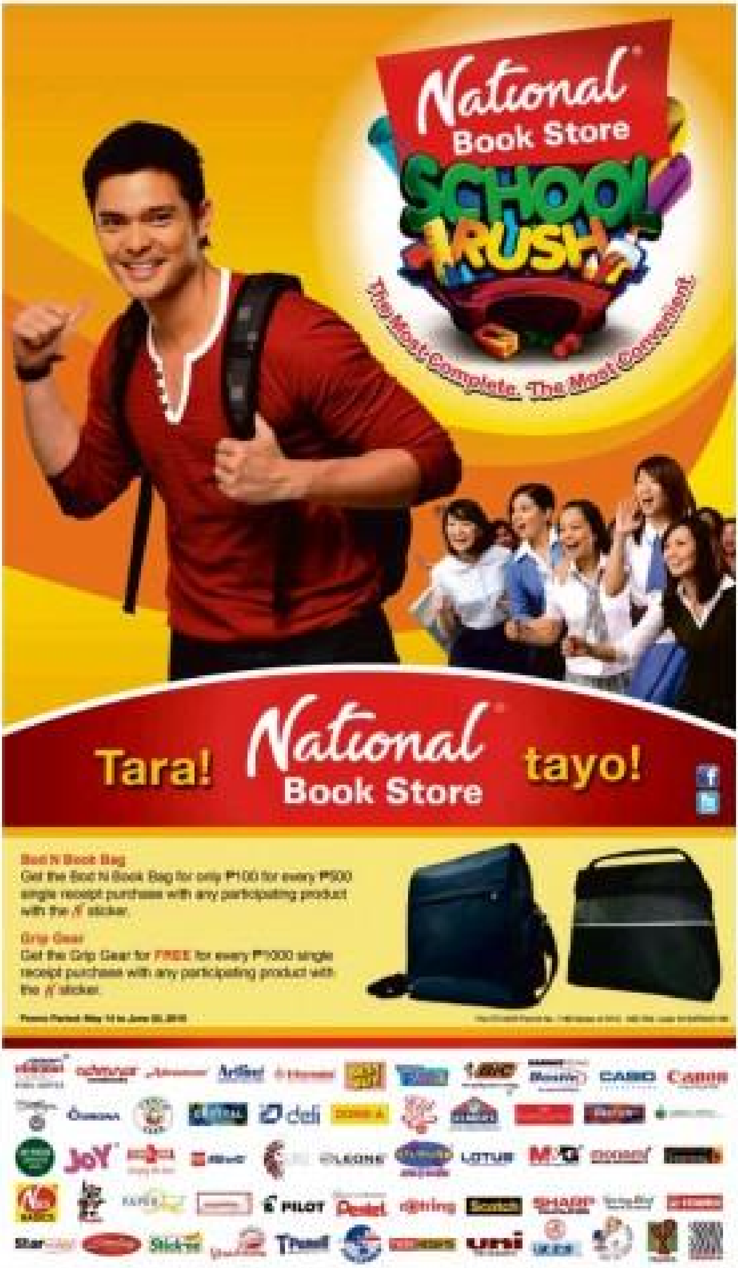


3-day weekends are best spent in paradise resorts



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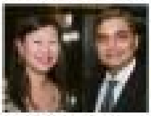
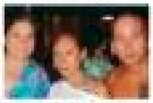


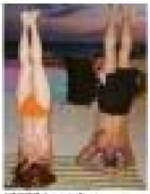
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Love books? Then you'll love the library that The Stratford has to offer. Choose from a wide array of books that will keep you entertained and informed for hours, through our collection of novels, coffee table books, and even magazines. Or how about reading up on the latest updates from around the Internet using our digital library? Click, browse, and read — whatever you want to read are just a few mouse clicks away.

From the library, you can also treat yourself to a cinematic feast at the condominium's mini theater. It can accommodate up to 80 people at one time so the place is intimate enough for you to really enjoy the movie.

Or if you want to invite your friends to a private screening, you can do so, so you can watch the latest movies or your favorite movies from years past in your own private space.

Or if you like music, then the music library's for you. Look for hard to find records, or even listen to the latest releases here. It doesn't matter what your musical tastes are because we have just the right kind of music for you.

You can also entertain your guests at The Stratford's function rooms. You can choose from either of the two function rooms, or you can take both plus the lanai area for a total of a 535 sq. m. area for an even greater space to accommodate your friends and your family. Should you need an even bigger space, you can have one at the five-star hotel in The Picar Place.

If you want to enjoy the nightlife in style, then you wouldn't have to go very far. Within The Picar Place is the Buddha-Bar. That's right, one of the hottest nightspots in Paris and Monte Carlo is now here, just a stone's throw away from your home. Within its 3-storey area, you can enjoy delectable cuisine and great music mixes that soothes the senses.

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Your kids always need to have fun. And what better way to keep them entertained than by taking them out to the kiddie pool. Its 50 sq. m. area provides your kids with enough space for them to move around, swim, and play. Or they can also have a great time playing and making new friends with other kids at the children's play area.

During weekdays, you can also drop your toddlers at The Stratford's day care center where they can spend the day there learning by playing with best educational toys.

Now you can let your kids have fun without you worrying because they can now play outdoors in a safe environment.

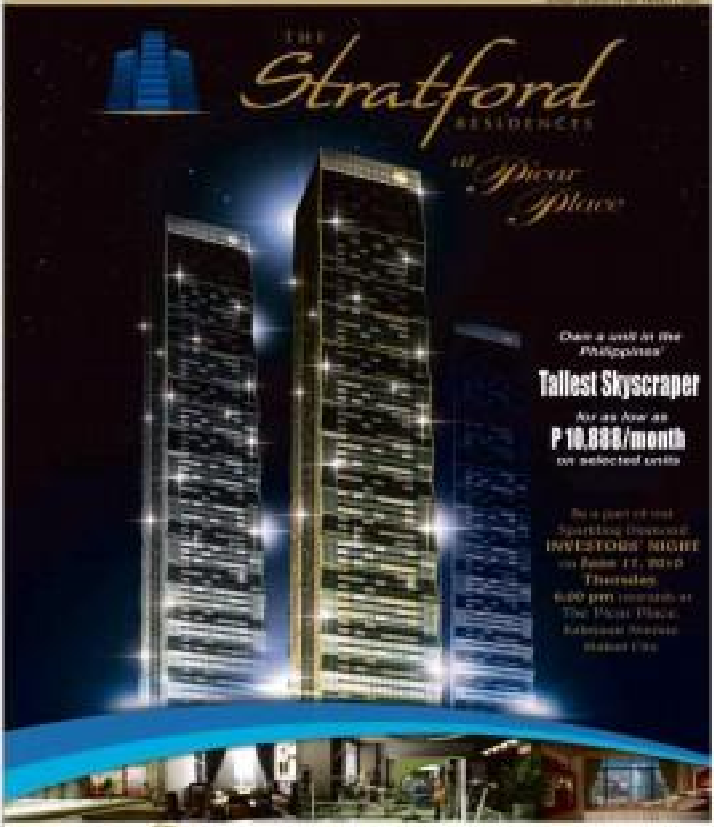
A Place to End Your Day in Style

At the end of a long day, you can choose to just retire to your bed—or you can end it in style. Just visit The Stratford Residences' beauty salon if you want to be pampered or to look your best even after a long day of working, doing meetings, and taking care of your kids.

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Ballet Manila to perform at Cebu Arts Council's golden jubilee launch



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K-Pop meets P-Pop! Beast live in Manila!



One of today's hottest K-Pop acts, Beast is known for their pop and r&b tunes and edgy dance moves. Their current success doesn't undermine their humble beginnings as the six members of this boy band each have sad stories to tell.

Beast Meet & Greet
June 17, 5pm - 8pm
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TO "SWIM WITH THE FISHes" is no metaphor in the province of Guimaras in Western Visayas.

Why travelers should feel safer flying to, from or within the US these days



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Are you getting enough Vitamin D?

THE POLO LIFESTYLE AT SM



Find a lot of stylish options at the Men's Wear department of SM Department Store.

Like a pair of denim jeans, the classic polo shirt is a wardrobe staple that is perfect for weekend wear. Also known as the golf shirt and tennis shirt, this was first worn by the sporting class - tennis, golf, and polo players. This was later associated with WASP preppiedom, and later became part of mainstream fashion as casual Friday or weekend wear.

SM updates the classic polo shirt with exclusive in-house labels SM Men Street, Declared Out, Men In Club, Baleno, and Cotton Crew. With so many styles and flattering fits, you're sure to find your perfect casual look in solid and multi-striped versions with dapper details like variegated stripes, placket and sleeve bands, and a [illegible] of texture.

The polo shirt is so versatile it can be worn with jeans for that cool laidback vibe, chinos for that preppie and casual Fridays look, shorts for that sporty savvy, or tailored slacks for a more polished appeal. You can also wear this in classic style or layered for a more modern, youthful look.

These polo shirts are available at the Men's Wear Department of all SM Department Stores, where you can enjoy up to 50% off on selected items with the Men's Wear Sale through June 30.



Prep It Up. Prep up your style with this pink multi-coloured striped polo shirt layered over a light green one.





A Classic Take. Red layered shirt with contrast color stripes on collar and sleeve band.



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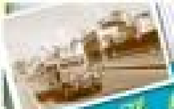
I'VE DONE SO MANY THINGS at the Makati Shangri-La: business meetings, conventions, lunches and dinners entertaining visiting foreigners, quick drinks at the lobby over a spreadsheet, coffee with the designer showing me the galleys of a new book.

> And all I did was nothing

Onslaught of niceness

Raw gluttony

Room service



The New Nostalgia

It is said that a lasting relationship is
measured by a certain length of time
while a meaningful relationship is
measured by the amount of shared
history. Given this, it is no wonder that
Goldilocks has formed an inevitable bond
with generations of loyal consumers.
The enduring Filipino icon continues to
celebrate its rich and communal past
even while shaping a legacy that is
towards the future.



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My father in me

TOWNS winners pay tribute to the fathers who molded them into the women they have become

MOST OF THE time, mothers are credited for the ways their daughters turn out. But what about fathers? Winners of The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) Foundation pay tribute to their fathers, by citing precious lessons gathered from them.

Service to others

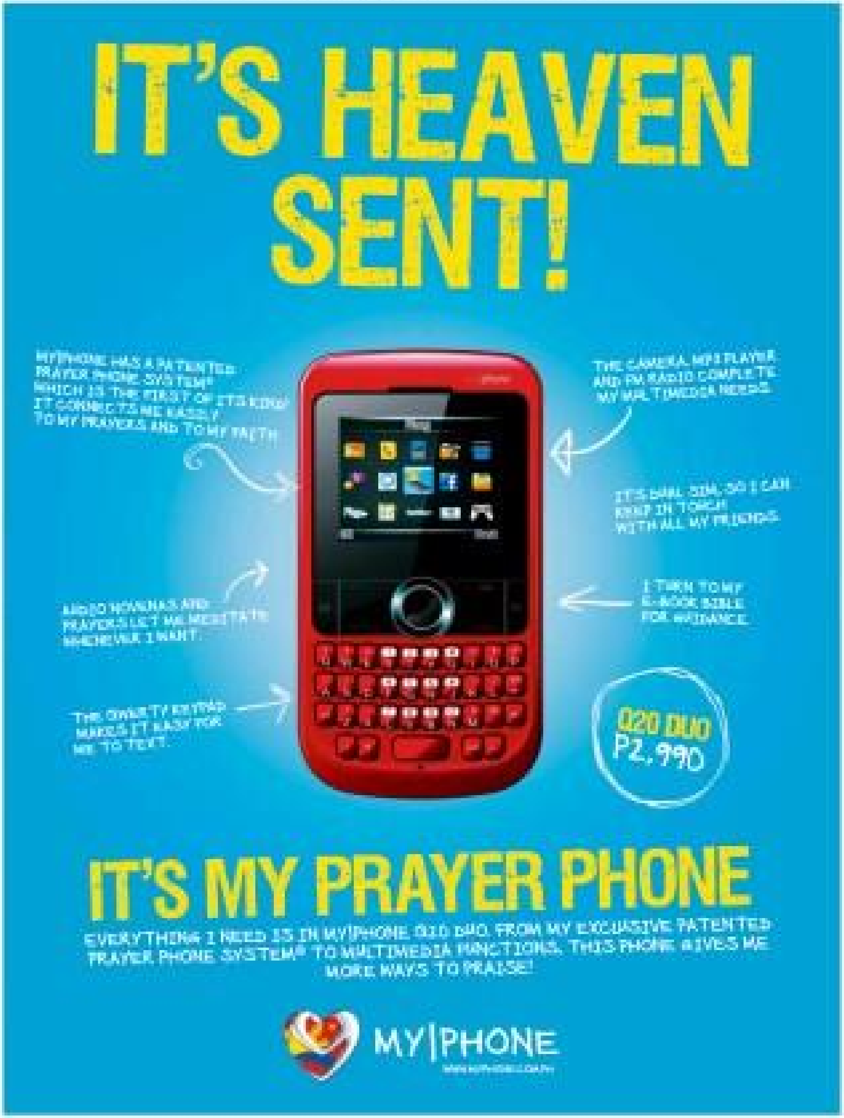
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Not to sweat the small stuff

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Lessons I've learned from life's detours

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ROADTALK Sunday
LIFE DEFINED BY THE ROADS WE TAKE
Editor: Ruben Bagtas

'Padyak' cheaper way of transportation

Some university students prefer the two-wheel drive



Text and photos by Mariel O. Salazar

A number of bike enthusiasts have made their statement by launching projects reiterating that this means of transportation is both good for the environment and health. But some students of the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City, find a more practical reason into the program: It cuts travel time by a huge chunk than when riding UP Ikot jeepney.

Jojo Gutierrez of the Department of Sociology and a couple of friends from the UP Mountaineers stumbled upon the idea of bikes around UP in one of their get-togethers. The bike-for-rent program just popped into the air and a few meetings later, they launched the ten reconditioned bikes bought in Manila. It was a coincidence that the time they launched the UP Padyak program, Gutierrez said the university created bike lanes within the campus.

The UP Padyak Bike Program, first known as Iska-Cycle, has taken a life of its own since it started in 2008.

"We sort of experimented on it with ten reconditioned Japanese bikes," Gutierrez related. "Then we created a Multiply site to see if anyone would ever be interested." And the rest, as that immortal cliché goes, is history.

The main premise of the program is to have students pay or donate P500 for one semester and they can use the bike around UP. If they live outside of the campus, there is a designated area where they can park the bike and they can get when they go to their classes.

Bikes come and go but not the project

From the initial ten, the number of bikes has gone up to at least 50 and in two years, several of them have been disposed of and replaced with donated bikes. In April, the program became the recipient of a bike grant of the Netherlands donated 16 orange bikes. In previous reports, running priest Fr. Robert Reyes donated two bikes when he came home from Hong Kong upon learning of the program through the Internet. There are also a couple of folding bikes, the ones allowed to be transported in MRT and LRT.

The program was an instant hit not only because of the noble cause behind it but also because students find it easier and quicker to traverse every nook and cranny of the university than riding a jeepney.

"What usually takes 30 minutes of travel onboard the UP Ikot jeepney takes about 10 to 15 minutes riding a bike," said Regine Abad, 20, a BA European Languages student who has availed herself of the UP Padyak program.

"It is also a more affordable means of transportation," said Nikko Dumas, 20 and a BS Architecture student. "If you'll compute your transportation fare every day, P500 is way too cheap."

Frances Pacheco, 22, BS Architecture, feels that the UP Padyak Program promotes a healthy lifestyle because "it is also some sort of an exercise." She learned about it when she joined the UP Mountaineers and signed up in April of this year.

Safety first?

UP Padyak is also based on trust because it entrusts the students the bike for a semester. They have the responsibility of taking care of the bike. However, maintenance and repairs are still shouldered by the program's funds. That's where the P500 donation is mostly for.

Gutierrez said there were instances when they had to take the bike parked in front of the dormitories because some of those who availed themselves of the program didn't return the bikes after the semester. "Those are the risks that this program has," he explained.

Before anyone can take part on the UP Padyak, there is a three-hour bike clinic conducted at the onset of the semester. There, students or even staff would learn how to bike in traffic and important things like where to park safely. "Leisure biking is different with biking in traffic," Gutierrez said.

Even if there is a bike lane, it is still different when you're biking with other vehicles running past you. "There is the safety concern too. Supposedly, any type of two-wheeled transportation should have safety gears and the most basic is the helmet. Sadly, not everyone wears a helmet either they don't know or just don't want. "It is not impossible but encouraged," Gutierrez said.

However, he also noted some countries where bikes are one of the major means of transportation and most bikers don't wear helmets. Still, it's better to be safe than sorry.

Is this a start of a car-less university campus? Not so fast, though. Dumas said while it is very ideal, "we have to consider that UP is not an enclosed campus compared with the others. It's not just an academic community but an urban community where people come, pass, and use the roads. And there are the jeepney drivers too."

UP Padyak has inspired not only other UP students who bought their own bikes and use to travel around UP but also nearby university which is testing the program. "This program is actually more ideal to an enclosed community," Gutierrez said.

Seeing the reception the program is getting from students even after two years, it looks like UP Padyak will become a lifestyle within the campus.

For more information on UP Padyak log on to www.padyak.org.





Robinsons Iloilo's annual 'Wedding Rituals' is eagerly anticipated. This year, it features designer Jojie Lloren



Wedding fairs a hit with Ilonggos



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Hotel treats for Dad

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Culinary delights, spa treatments for Dad





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Young chefs cook for Dad



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The Kultura Experience

A Kultura Filipino touch in home decor

Continuing our efforts of bringing to our clients the very best of the Philippines, we approach our regular customers in the hope that they would share with us how they experience KULTURA FILIPINO and how its products become part of their homes. To get a point of view on our home décor, we approached Romina Cerasuto de Figueroa, married and mother of two, who has been in the Philippines little over 4 years.



"*Good morning Ma'am Romina! Magandang Umaga Ma'am Romina.*" Not very often do store assistants know the names of their clients. However, in the case of Romina, it is hard to miss the smiling Argentinian who has found in Kultura Filipino her second home.

Her exquisite taste in home decoration and table setting, according to her friends, has made her a reference in the expat community, and a model hostess when it comes to entertaining guests.



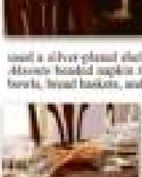
Led by curiosity and with the aim of sharing some of her secrets, we requested Romina to show us what she looks for at Kultura and how she mixes and matches Filipino-made products from the store with her existing line of table setting items.

"What do I buy ? Well, it depends on what I need the items for", she says, "for instance, if it is for a formal dinner or a BBQ." Romina comes to Kultura an average of three times per week, as she claims there is always something new, and given that she usually buys to set tables for 8 to 10 people, she likes to be among the first to choose. After selecting her items in the store, she invited us to her home and set up two different styles of tables.

For the formal table setting, she selected a mirror and a matching vase in specially treated material and paired those with shell - standees, all by *Mavenna*. She also



used a silver-plated shell table accent by *Kristine's*, *Akoato* beaded napkin rings, real shells as appetizer bowls, bread baskets, and alternating sets and mother-of-pearl detailed plate chargers. These were mixed with her own gold rimmed white plates and elegant wine glasses. "Kultura Filipino helps me theme my dinner table, and this is often guided by the menu. For this particular theme, I would have seafood to start off the meal". Her secret in setting the perfect table? "What is important is that you have well-combined colors, and an uncluttered table. Think out of the box with respect to the functionality of items. Be daring and adventurous in mixing materials." "My base to the color coding of the table is the placemat, and Kultura has an enormous selection to choose from at different price ranges."



" Look at these here", she said, leading us to another table, set in BBQ style. "These are handpainted fabric placemats from *Art of Gold*, and they give a touch of color to the table. I combined a white bamboo base and matching coasters, with round acacia-capiz inlay plate chargers. For the main dish and in the same color scheme, I used a soup bowl and small plate, plus yellow wineglasses from my personal collection." What makes the table setting even more unique, is the way that Kultura Filipino linen napkins are combined with little gifts for her guests: for men, a Cuban cigar from *Tabaqueria* at Kultura's Tabacco section, and for the ladies, an *JPD* shell necklace. For the center of the table, Romina sticks to natural colors, using differently-shaped place cones wrapped in raffia, both by *Accento*. The look is completed with acacia two-toned salad bowls, which right before dinner time, will be removed and returned holding the salad. To decorate the table and give it a final touch, coco shell butterflies which are really magnets from Kultura's souvenir line – are elegantly scattered over the table. Romina also gives tips on seating guests: "because we want men and women to sit alternately at the table, we identified the chairs with male and female raffia bats." "Little details like these in the Philippines are so inexpensive and your guests take back a reminder of an afternoon or evening among friends."



"For after-dinner drinks, and for the men to enjoy their cigars, we move to the lanai, where I use multi-colored abaca pillows and abaca-weave leaf decorations to bring life to my sofas". Completing the ambience, the center table is likewise decorated with acacia and mango wood plates and bowls in different color tones.



We asked Romina, what it is she likes most about Kultura Filipino, the venue of Filipino craftsmanship. "So much to choose from, I like the quality and the price. Whenever I see products that I really like, I don't just buy for my own place but also as gifts to take back home to Argentina. For my tables, I never run out of selections in the store, whether it's for woven table runners, caviar dishes with mother-of-pearl details, cutlery trays in natural material, or acacia salad servers." For the rest of her home, she enjoys a wide range of picture frames, capiz candle holders, abaca or pandan storage boxes, multi-purpose items like laminated coco husks that could be used either as candy dishes or votive candle holders. Romina enthuses, "A walk through the store makes one's imagination run wild... KULTURA FILIPINO is one of the places I will definitely miss when we leave the Philippines".

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Sunday LifeStyle



'Hali(na) kayo, kain na tayo'

US Ambassador Harry K. Thomas Jr. shows he can be into Pinoy food—from 'balut' to 'durian'

By Alex T. Vergara

IT HAD BEEN BARELY A month since Harry K. Thomas Jr. became US ambassador to the Philippines, but the self-confessed foodie and music lover was already feeling at home in Manila as he welcomed guests to the US Ambassador's Forbes Park residence Tuesday night for the "Great American Barbecue."

The host's attempts to speak in Filipino didn't go unappreciated. Apart from English, Thomas, according to an entry in Wikipedia, also speaks Spanish, Hindi and Bengali. He's also reportedly learning Filipino.

"[illegible] kayo, kain na tayo (Come. Let's eat.)," said Thomas, to his guests' delight. He is a former US ambassador to Bangladesh and the first African-American to assume the post here.

American staples

[illegible] to showcase the wide range of US agricultural products, including various types of meats, potatoes, [illegible] and wine, available in the Philippines.

Guests had their fill of US-style corned beef, ham, chicken, corn on the cob and various salads made from all sorts of US products. California wine and American "craft" beer flowed freely.

The evening's menu had such American staples as char-grilled US rib eye steaks, grilled seafood and vegetable skewers, Cajun-style beer can chickens, smoked US pork loin, all-American mini cheeseburgers, fried potatoes and various desserts.

Guests also made their own [illegible] at the open cooking booth.

American Jay McCarthy, corporate chef for [illegible] Company in Colorado, flew to Manila to work on the cuisine that night.

Asked what his favorite dish was, Thomas, a true diplomat, replied "all." In the past weeks, he has also sampled Filipino food, from balut to durian.



GRILLED seafood and vegetable skewers

"That's my problem," the hefty and self-effacing Thomas said. "[illegible]."

Trading partner

Thomas also used the occasion to thank the US agricultural industry's trading partners in the Philippines, composed mainly of Filipino importers, distributors, suppliers and restaurateurs.


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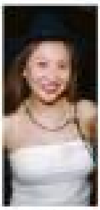

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'Hali(na) kayo, kain na tayo'


US AMBASSADOR Harry dancing with his executive secretary Vicky Spiers


DONAR Evelyn and Paul Curry


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The Philippines is the 15th biggest market in the world for US agricultural products such as unmilled wheat used for baking bread, soybean meal for livestock, pet food and aquaculture feed.

"If you're eating bread today, there's an 80-percent chance it's from the US," said David Wolf, the US embassy's acting agricultural counselor, referring to the wheat used to make bread.

In 2008 alone, the Philippines imported almost $700 million worth of wheat from the US. But Wolf stressed the relationship between the two countries as far as agriculture goes is a "two-way street."

The US, for instance, is the largest market for Philippine agricultural exports, specifically coconut oil.

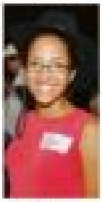
Choosing US beef over other beef produced elsewhere, said Wolf, is simply a matter of preference. But as a consumer himself, he said US beef has a distinct, if not better, taste.

Since cows in the US are corn-fed, their meat tends to have a marbling effect that makes it more flavorful. It doesn't have the "grassy" taste, he said, commonly found in beef produced in other countries. In other words, US beef tastes, well, "corny."


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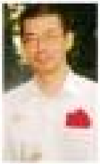

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June 13 is the feast day of St. Anthony de Padua, miracle worker

PURELY PERSONAL
Josephine Darang

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH celebrates the feast day of St. Anthony de Padua on June 13, the day he died in the year 1231.

The popular belief about the saint is that he can find lost things for us. Tradition reveals that Anthony lost his missal one day and felt very sad until an angel brought it back to him. But the saint is also known as the miracle worker because he seems to be able to solve all kinds of problems like sickness and even financial difficulties.

I have a special affection for St. Anthony de Padua. When I was 5 years old, my mother told me I fell from the second story window of my Lola Ibing's house in Lucing. I was rushed to the San Antonio Hospital. My uncle or Lola ... prayed hard to St. Anthony because I was saved, but I have stitches on my left side to remind me of that incident.

Then, when I had to be operated on by Dr. William Chua at the University of Santo Tomas Hospital on April 25, 1985, the day fell on a Tuesday. My mother was in the UST chapel praying to him. Today I try to offer an arrangement of red roses to St. Anthony every Tuesday of the month as a way of thanksgiving.

Pilgrimage to Lisbon

I was blessed to have been able to leave for a pilgrimage to Europe in July 2007 with Sally Maddela of Worlds Paradise.

Our first stop was Lisbon in Portugal where St. Anthony de Padua was born. We went down to the basement of the church where the image of the saint was located. I brought with me petitions given to me by friends who wanted St. Anthony to help them. They told me later that their prayers were answered, especially a difficult one.

A friend was able to renew her US visa after being turned down several times because her passport was stamped persona non grata when she had an altercation with an immigration officer at the airport in Boise. When she came back to Manila, she was able to defend her situation with the US Embassy here and was given a US visa afterwards.

Who is St. Anthony de Padua?

Anthony de Padua was a Franciscan born in Lisbon in 1195 and died at Vercelli on 13 June, 1231. He received in baptism the name Ferdinand. His father was Martim Bouillon, descendant of the renowned Godfrey de Bouillon, commander of the First Crusade. His mother, Theresa Tavejra, was a descendant of Fruela I, fourth king of Asturia.

Having been educated in the cathedral school, Ferdinand, at the age of 15, joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine, in the convent of St. Vincent, just outside the city walls (1210). Two years later, to avoid being distracted by relatives and friends who frequently came to visit him, he asked permission from his superior to go to the Convent of Santa Cruz in Coimbra (1212), where he remained for eight years, occupying his time mainly with study and prayer.

Order of Friars Minor

In the year 1220 when the first Franciscan martyrs were brought to the Church of Santa Cruz, Ferdinand became inspired to become a martyr himself and resolved to become a Friar Minor, so he might preach the faith to the Saracens and suffer for Christ's sake. Ferdinand left the Canons Regular of St. Augustine to join the Order of Friars Minor and took the new name of Anthony.

Chapel in barrio Sebangan

Businessman Jong Garcia has a deep devotion to St. Anthony de Padua. He goes to a special chapel in barrio Sebangan in Northern Samar, driving four hours from ... Airport. He visited the chapel on June 10, 2009 and prayed to the saint there. His prayers have been answered. Jong will go back to Sebangan on June 30 to say "thank you." Jong told me that many celebrities go there to pray.

He is busy these days helping newly elected Sorsogon Governor Raul Lee ... his brother in-law's program for the ... festival, July 19-20, in cooperation with the Department of Tourism Region 12, through Regional Director, tourism officer in Sorsogon.

Nuestra Señora de Guia

In reaction to my column on the Ermita Bona (May 30), my friend, professor Gabriel Ma. J. Lopez told me that his parents, the late engineer Jesús Navarro Lopez and Renee Jackson Lopez were devoted to the Nuestra Señora de Guia. He told me an amazing story that happened in February 1945 before the bombing of Manila.

Fr. Blas Giffoling, parish priest of Ermita Church, sensed that the Americans would soon be bombing Manila to flush out the Japanese occupants. He asked Gabby's parents to help him hide the centuries-old image of the Virgin lest it be destroyed by the bombs.

Gabby related, "My parents dutifully wrapped the Virgin's image with loving care in my mother's prized barrel bags and then placed it carefully in one of the empty vaults behind the Church and sealed it. Then, they proceeded to leave Ermita and walk towards Malabon to avoid the pending bombings."

Ermita Church was actually hit by bombs, but the Virgin's image was saved. After the liberation of Manila, the priests retrieved the image and restored her to her altar.

Our Lady of Peace fiesta

The Basilica of Nuestra Señora de Paz will begin the novena to Our Lady of Peace, patroness of Cagayan Valley, on June 23 and end July 1 in preparation for the fiesta on July 2.

In Metro Manila, the devotees of Nuestra Señora de Paz Foundation will hold a special Mass on July 3, 9 a.m., in Sto. Domingo Church, Quezon City. Auxiliary Bishop ... of Tuguegarao will celebrate the Mass. The St. John M.R. Choir headed by ... will sing. The public is invited.

Prayerful good wishes to Fr. Jojo Gonda on his 25th anniversary as a priest on June 19, which is also his 51st birthday.

Fr. Jojo is the rector of the St. Padre Pio Shrine in Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

IT S SOCCER FEVER AT THE PODIUM IN CELEBRATION OF THE FIFA WORLD CUP 2010

Mallgoers can now experience the excitement of the ongoing FIFA World Cup 2010 games in South Africa right here in Manila in the Soccer Fever promotion at The Podium, the upscale mall in Ortigas Center.

A joint project with the Embassy of South Africa, Balls TV, Sony C&T and Arya Persian Restaurant, the event consists of an exhibit of the different stadiums wherein the World Cup games will be held, as well as live viewing of the games at Arya Persian Restaurant in the mall's Ground Level from June 11 to July 12.

There will also be performances by world music inspired performers as part of the celebration. Nyko Maca featuring Dallyka performed last June 12 and Playground will give mallgoers a sample of their diverse beat on June 19. Their music is very unique as it cannot be defined by one genre. Playing from drum 'n bass, Afro-Cuban music, hip-hop, funk, progressive house, hard bop, Afrobeat and dub to brazilian funk and a dizzying mixture of soul and samba.

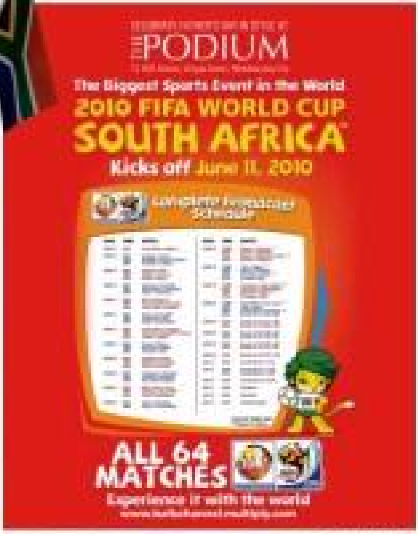


To bring the World Cup experience from South Africa to Manila, mall-goers will have the chance to play the FIFA playstation game at the Atrium of The Podium from June 18-20. PSP and PS3 units will be available for soccer enthusiasts to enjoy during the Fathers' Day weekend.

The event was launched last June 11 with the Counsellor of the South African Embassy Hugo Lambrechts as the special guest. Jose Mari Santiago of Balls TV, Arya Persian Restaurant owner Dr. Shin Karani and members of the Philippine Diski Team and Sunken Garden United Football Club also attended.

The Program which was hosted Mia Caballo and Marielle Benitez of Balls TV featured the Diski Dance, which is uniquely South African dance inspired by the game of Soccer. In Diski, every move has a name and there are different names from different parts of the country. Some are in Tswana, others are Zulu, Sotho and even English. The moves have names like "Iteneigo", "Hair Extension Mohair" and "Chester" to mention a few.

The Soccer fever event in celebration of the FIFA World Cup 2010 is one of the many exciting events at The Podium.





Counsellor of the Embassy of South Africa, Hugo Lambrechts, VP for Marketing and Communications Jo-cop, Mitth Dizon; Ellen Wigs of the South African Embassy together with the Sunken Garden United Football Club



The FIFA World Cup 2010 exhibit at the Atrium of the Podium, which features the photos of the Stadiums as well as the breathtaking tourist attractions in South Africa.



Marielle Benitez and Mia Caballo of Balls TV hosts the Soccer Fever opening at the Podium



The Philippine Diski Team show off South Africa's Diski Dancing moves



Dr. Shin Karani, owner of Arya Persian Restaurant; and from the Podium: Karen Fagara, Brand Manager; Jocelyn Lopez, Assistant Mall Manager and Jun Michael Ong, Mall Manager

FIFA WORLD CUP EXHIBIT AT THE PODIUM

As the 2010 FIFA World Cup opens this June, mallgoers will have the rare opportunity to join in the excitement as the South African Embassy and The Podium mount an exhibit celebrating the event at the mall's Atrium from June 11 to June 20, 2010.

The exhibit features the stadiums South Africans has built as the first African host of this prestigious event, as well as breathtaking photographs of the beauty of the country. Other partners include Balls TV and Sony.

It will feature some of the 10 stadiums that will host the 64 games of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Together these stadiums will seat more than 570,000 people during the event.

Major planning has taken place to ensure that the soccer stadiums will be world-class facilities that will not only be able to host the matches for the World Cup from June 11 to July 11, 2010, but will also be suitable for entertainment and sports long after the sun has set on the year 2010.

Since 2006, there have been major investments in the building of new stadiums, and the upgrading of existing ones so that visitors will enjoy watching their favorite teams from these modern facilities.

Better still, these architectural wonders are located in some of South Africa's most historical and scenic locations. These include the host city of Nelson Mandela Bay that has the biggest waves and highest bungee jump in the world. This beautiful city at the Eastern Cape, with its oceans sea and bush, is also the birthplace of Nelson Mandela.

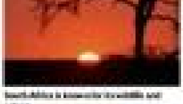
Other host city stadiums include those of Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Durban, Polokwane, Nelspruit, and Rustenburg. The stadium in Bloemfontein is the home of the official mascot of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, a football crazy leopard called Zakumi (ZA for South Africa and kumi which means 10) who can't wait to welcome guests. Meanwhile, football lovers will find Johannesburg easy to reach and hard to leave once they discover its theaters, galleries, botanical and zoological gardens, and shopping and entertainment hubs.

Durban is located in the province known as the Zulu Kingdom, and is known for its colorful cultures, fantastic beaches, and virtually perfect weather, while Polokwane is unspoiled Africa at its finest with immense landscapes, skilled handicraft, a variety of indigenous cultures, and the mystical baobab tree.

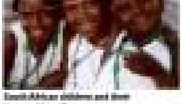
Stadiums are also located in Nelspruit, home to the world's most famous game reserve, Kruger Park, the only green canyon on the planet, and Rustenburg, which means town of rest, and one of the oldest cities in Northwest Province.



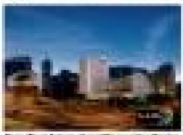
FIFA World Cup 2010 will Open on June 11, 2010 in South Africa.



South Africa is known for its wildlife and nature.



South African children and their impeccable smiles.



Cape Town International Convention Centre or better known as CTICC



Visit Kruger National Park, The most popular area in South Africa for wildlife safaris.

The exhibit will also feature breathtaking photographs of South Africa that will open your minds to the warmth of a welcome in the heart of a unique nation, the sounds of wildlife, and the whisper of warm winds rising off the sea.

The photographs reveal a place where the mountains rise, exquisite landscapes drift into distant horizons, and the sun melts into warm seas. A place where you can discover the beginning of time.

It's a place that's vibrant, where you'll find city lights and star-studded nights, exquisite cuisine, and world-renowned wines. It's a place where you will hear the roar of lions and the whisper of grasslands. Where you will enjoy so much more, for less than you thought possible.

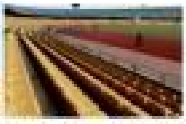
Experience the sights and sounds of the 2010 FIFA World Cup right here in Manila at exhibit at The Podium from June 11 to June 20, 2010.



Soccer City, located in Johannesburg.



For quite a long time, Soccer City was the only stadium impressive enough to stage a football finals game.



This stadium is named after the Bafokeng people who own shares in the platinum mines in the area.

BEAUTY BARGAINS AT WATSONS



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Check out these bath and body care, hair care, oral care, and personal care products at all Watsons stores nationwide. *(Also available at Beauty by SM Department Store)*

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The Watsons Exfoliating Body Wash range cleanses and purifies skin as it effectively dissolves dirt and oil. It contains revitalizing fruity extracts and Vitamin E, as well as finely ground apricot kernels to remove dead skin cells.



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Avail of these great bath and body, hair, and oral care products at great bargains at the Buy 1, Get 2nd at P1 promotion this June and July at all Watsons stores nationwide.

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Flirting with Mandela

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RUSHES SUNDAY

This one became a 'press con-fessional'

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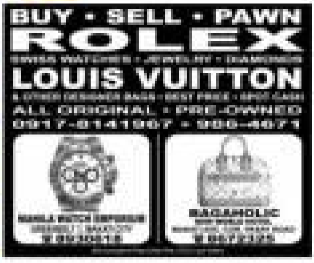
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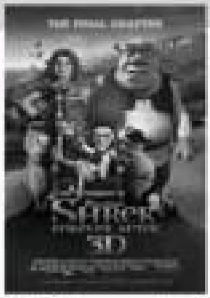
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Good news

Top of the tabloids

McDonald's Kiddie Crew 2010: Strong with over 16,000 Graduates

















Photos by: Jabun Medina & Angel Blancaflor of McDonald's Philippines and Dodie Lagasca

The end of May marks not only the end of summer but also of another successful year for the McDonald's Kiddie Crew Workshop. This 2010, a record of over 16,000 kids from all over the country participated and graduated from this annual summer program open to kids from 6 to 12 years old.

The McDonald's Kiddie Crew Workshop, the first of its kind in the country, is a 5-day workshop designed to teach kids positive values under an umbrella of fun and creativity. At the end of the workshop, a series of grand graduations, attended by thousands were held in major cities - Manila at the World Trade Center, Laguna at SM Sta. Rosa, Cebu at the Ayala Center and Davao at the Gaisano Mall.

Each McDonald's Kiddie Crew Grand Graduation was filled with games, booths, bouncy inflatables, loads of free fun and a special show hosted by Jackielou Blanco. Other celebrity guests featured include Angel Locsin, Charice Pempengco and the Philippine All Stars.



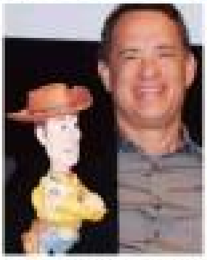




Since it began in the 90's, the McDonald's Kiddie Crew Workshop has graduated tens of thousands of Filipino kids as a testament of McDonald's commitment to champion children's well being: mind, body and spirit.

ENTERTAINMENT





TOM Hanks reprises his role as the voice of pull-string cowboy Woody in "Toy Story 3."

Tom and Tim's own toy stories

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Ruben V. Nepales

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TIM Allen once again lends his voice to the heroic space ranger Buzz.

Did You Know..

Singapore hopes to be 'Cannes of Asia' with film fest set next year

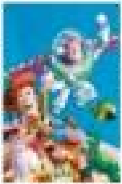
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P2 M at stake in PGT finals tonight

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A 14-YEAR-OLD ...

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Lloydie: Stop the rumors

By Marinel R. Cruz



JOHN Lloyd Cruz would rather keep his love life private.